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*Admission of pupils in the Hobart Secondary Training School, Royapetta.*

485 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that fifty applicants were refused admission into the Government Hobart Secondary Training School, Royapetta, in the current year; and if so, for what reasons?

A.—The Government have no information.

Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB :—“ Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO :—“ The information is with the Head Mistress of schools; it is not with the Government or the Director of Public Instruction.”

*Scholarships to pupils and mistresses of Muhammadan training institutions.*

486 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the opinion of the superintendents of the Muhammadan training institutions for mistresses has ever been obtained as to the adequacy of the scholarships awarded both to the pupils and to mistresses under training?

A.—The Government have no information.

*Abolition of the punitive police, Rayachoti.*

487 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether, in view of the answers given by the Government to question No. 64, dated 12th September 1922, and the supplementary question thereon, any orders have since been issued to abolish the punitive police stationed in the Rayachoti taluk of Cuddapah district immediately?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is drawn to G.O. No. 1238, Judicial, dated 6th November 1922, placed on the Editors' Table.

*Punitive police at Rayachoti.*

488 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Magistrate of Cuddapah has recently reported about the further necessity or otherwise of retaining the punitive police in Rayachoti taluk; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state his present views?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 487 supra.

*Water-supply in the Kollegal taluk.*

489 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Government are aware of the precariousness of the supply of water from the tanks in the Kollegal taluk for irrigation purposes;

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(2) whether the Government are aware that the owners of lands under the Kotekere and Honderbalukere are now put to serious risk and frequent losses on account of the precariousness of water-supply from those tanks;

(3) whether the Government have got any proposals ready for bettering the supply from the tanks in the Kollegal taluk and, if so, what they are and when they will be executed;

(4) whether the Government received representations from the people that Hebballa, whose water is not now utilized for irrigation purposes, may be dammed and its water diverted to Kotekere and the chain of tanks connected with;

(5) if so, whether the Government have investigated the proposal and what the result is of the investigation; and

(6) whether the Government are aware that the people owning lands under the tanks are prepared to pay inclusion fees where dry lands can be converted into wet and that there is a large extent of dry land which can easily be converted into wet if the supply of water in the tanks is increased?

4.—(1) & (3) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 1307 asked at the second session of the Council. Besides the three schemes referred to therein, proposals for improving the supply channel feeding the Doddaranganatham and four other tanks in the chain are under consideration by the Superintending Engineer.

(2) The Government have no information.

(4) & (5) No representation from the people of Kollegal regarding the Habbehalla project appears to have been received. But the scheme is under investigation by the Superintending Engineer and a preliminary report is awaited.

(6) The Government have no information.

The hon. Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Sir, with regard to the answer to this question, I am sorry that a mistake has crept in, rather an inaccuracy, in respect of answers to sub-questions (4) to (6). I want to correct it if the hon. the President will allow me. I have got the answers here. I do not want an inaccurate answer to go on record. As regards sub-questions (4) and (5) the answer is: 'The scheme to restore the old tank of Habbehalla is under investigation by the Superintending Engineer and a preliminary report is awaited. It is expected that this would improve the supply of some other tanks.' Then as regards sub-question (6), the answer is 'Yes'. The answers to the other sub-questions will stand as they are now."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know how this incorrect answer came to be given in the first instance?"

The hon. Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"A petition was put in addressed to my hon. Colleague Sir Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib. He sent it on to the Revenue Department and that came in a separate file. This answer was given with regard to the file in the Irrigation Department. Subsequently, the other file was discovered, and so we want to give correct answers now."